



# ***TIME CRITICAL DIAGNOSIS***

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**DISTRIBUTION:** All Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Department and Designated Stroke Center Personnel.

**PURPOSE:** To distinguish suspected stroke patients by the onset of symptoms in order to guide the transport to the appropriate designated stroke center.

## **Emergent Group**

Immediate life threat

Otherwise categorize patients based on the following **times last known well**

### **Group I: Lytic/Therapeutic Window**

< 3 hours

### **Group II: Potential Therapeutic Window**

3-6 hours

### **Group III: Out-of-Therapeutic Window**

>6 hours